

The RCC Weekly

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One Book, One Campus

Kick-Off Events

Location: The Cafeteria

Dates: 10:30am on Wednesday, 11/16
10:00am on Thursday, 11/17
6:00pm on Tuesday, 11/22

Agenda: Welcome

Student & Faculty Panel - Students talk about the impact the book has had on them, their experience meeting the Lacks family members, and faculty members talk about how they used the book.

Walk & Talk About - Students and faculty visit various displays showcasing some of the activities that have been going on around campus.

Refreshments

Please RSVP to Mark Garth if you are planning on bringing your class to one of the events or if you or your students would like to showcase what has been happening in your class.

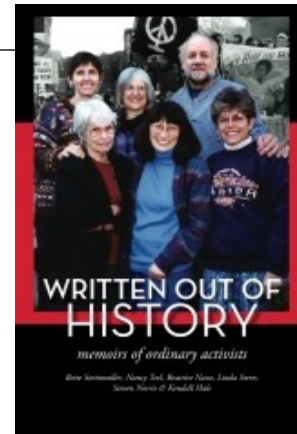
Mark Your Calendar!

Veteran's Day: Nov 11
Career Success for Health Career Majors
(Room 3-121): Nov 16 (1-2pm)
Revisiting the Middle East
(the Writing Center): Nov 16 (1-2pm)
One Book, One Campus Kick-Off Events
(the Cafeteria)
Nov 16 (10:30am)
Nov 17 (10:00am)
Nov 22 (6:00pm)
Using Prezi (the Writing Center): Nov 17 (11:30am)



RCC Authors

Nancy Teel, current Liberal Arts and Professional Studies Dean, and Bette Steinmuller, former ESOL Professor, are among the six authors of *Written out of History: Memoirs of Ordinary Activists*. This book, several years in the making, is the story of the adventures, sacrifices, victories, and sorrows of ordinary people who became committed activists in the 1960s. Kendall Hunt, Steven Norris, Beatrice Nava, and Linda Stern are co-authors. You can see the book online at writtenoutofhistory.com



Thanksgiving Closing

As is traditional, evening classes do not meet on the Wednesday before Thanksgiving, which, this year, is November 23rd. This semester, we have classes that begin before 4:00 and but end after 4:00 on that Wednesday. Those classes are: ACS 102-17, ENG 091-AB, MAT 087-07, MAT 088-07. These classes will **not meet** on November 23rd.

Reminder: Classes will resume on Monday, November 28th. Saturday classes will not meet.

Sterling In Print

Sterling Giles was recently interviewed by *Community College Week* about RCC's becoming an Achieving the Dream Leader College. You can read the article at www.ccweek.com/news/templates/template.aspx?articleid=2773&zoneid=7

John McColgan, also featured in the article, was pictured working with students in the Math Clinic.



NCLEX Results

Twenty-three (23) Associates Degree in Nursing students graduated in May. All 23 have taken the NCLEX (National Council Licensure Exam) and the program can boast a 100% pass rate. Congratulations to those students and the Health Sciences Division faculty.



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Welcome

..... to these new employees who joined RCC recently:

- * **Dr. Reza Hassanzadeh**, Science Division Safety Officer/Biotechnology Lab Technician
- * **Lauren Chomiczeski**, Science Division Safety Officer/Biology Lab Technician
- * **Charles Diggs**, Dean of Enrollment Management & Student Affairs
- * **Belma Mendez**, Administrative Assistant for Human Resources
- * **Mathew Heller**, Computer Lab Support Specialist
- * **Lesly Beliard**, Part time Membership Coordinator at Reggie Lewis Track & Athletic Center
- * **Clarissa Jones**, Assistant Women's Basketball Coach at Reggie Lewis Track & Athletic Center

Learner-Centered Classroom Feedback

This month the Institutional Research Office will select a random group of twenty sections which are taught in the new learner-centered classrooms. The students will be asked to reflect on their experiences using the new technology. Academic Technology will also survey all faculty who teach in the new learner-centered classrooms. This information will help the Title III team improve the design of the next set of classrooms and provide the information we need to report back to the U.S. Department of Education.

The surveys are anonymous and confidential but a summary of the results will be shared with the college community at the next Faculty Institute on Tuesday, January 17, 2012.

Faculty Evaluations

- * DCE evaluations will be conducted from November 28th through December 2nd this year. Faculty can pick up packets and instructions in the DCE Office.
- * Full-Time faculty evaluations will be conducted from December 5th through December 9th. Packets and instructions will be available in your division offices.

Revisiting the Middle East



Revisiting the Middle East: A Fulbright Year Reviewed
Facilitated by Dr. Tala Khudairi, Dean of STEM Division
November 17th at 1pm in the Writing Center

Dr. Khudairi will relate her experiences teaching in Jordan and review her year in the Middle East. Her slides and discussion will focus on higher education in Jordan, as well as her experiences living and traveling in the Middle East for an academic year.

Stop I-95



On Friday, November 4th, students in our Honors Program, led by Professor Rhonda Gray, in collaboration with the MIT Fellows Program, led by Dr. Bish Sanyal, sponsored

an event which commemorated the Stop I-95 Movement. This 1960s grassroots movement was led by a group of civic activists who were determined to stop the interstate from bulldozing its way through the heart of Roxbury. Three of those leaders spoke about their extraordinary effort: Mel King, former legislator, mayoral candidate and MIT Adjunct Professor; Tunney Lee, former Chief of Planning and Design at the Boston Redevelopment Authority and Professor Emeritus at MIT; and Lenny Durant, community organizer of the movement. Additionally, Karilyn Crockett, Roxbury native and Yale University doctoral candidate, who is completing her dissertation on the historical and political impact of the Stop I-95 movement, presented her research findings. Associate Dean Jose Alicea was the moderator.

The historical record of this movement, The Black United Front, is archived in the RCC Library. The papers can be accessed by going to www.rcc.mass.edu/lib. Click on 'Archives and Special Collections'.

Items for "The Weekly"

If you have something of interest that you would like to share with the college community, please submit it (by Tuesday afternoon) to Jacqueline Lynch at jlynch1@rcc.mass.edu